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Please see attached amendment responsive to Examiner's office action mailed December 20, 2004 for Application Serial No. 09/529,427. Also attached is a substitute specification.

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 Serial No.: **09/529,427**  
 Filed: **NOVEMBER 1, 2000**  
 For: **NEAR-ECHO SUPPRESSION**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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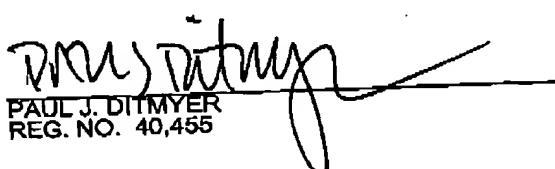
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Responsive to the Office Action of December 20, 2004, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks set out below.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the Substitute Specification being submitted concurrently herewith. No new matter is being entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this filing.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this filing.

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